

November 8, 2012

Via Electronic Filing

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation In the Matter of Connect America Fund WC Docket No. 10-90; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future GN Docket No. 09-51; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers WC Docket No. 07-135; High-Cost Universal Service Support WC Docket No. 05-337; Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime CC Docket No. 01-92; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket No. 96-45; Lifeline and Link-Up WC Docket No. 03-109; Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund WT Docket No. 10-208

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation, a locally owned and operated cooperative providing state-of-the-art telecommunications services to consumers and businesses located in Northeast Missouri, I am transmitting a Petition to FCC Chairman Genachowski from hundreds of our member-owners.

The Petition addresses the concerns of our community with regard to the impact of the Commission's decisions concerning changes in the Universal Service Fund ("USF") high-cost network support program and Intercarrier Compensation ("ICC"). The Commission's decisions have very real and adverse impact on both our consumers and the financial viability of our cooperative. The FCC's USF and ICC decisions are responsible for the resulting severe ramifications for rural economic development and job creation in our community.

These concerns are neither hypothetical nor exaggerated – they are very real. The attached Petition references an economic impact study undertaken by the Bureau of Economic Research at Missouri State University. The study confirms and quantifies the significant adverse impact on the economy, jobs, and the federal tax base.

Among the many concerns with the Commission's USF and ICC decisions, the Chariton Valley cooperative and its consumer owners are especially concerned with the near-term impact of the Quantile Regression Analysis (QRA) which reduces and limits the USF support upon which Chariton Valley has relied in making investment in network to serve our community. In the attached petition, our members join the multitude of rural consumers, state regulators, and other rural carriers across the nation who have asked the FCC to suspend the implementation of

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the QRA, and to refer the QRA for review and recommendations to the Federal-State Joint Board in accordance with the intent of the Communications Act.

I would be pleased to discuss the concerns of the Chariton Valley community with Chairman Genachowski and his fellow Commissioners. I would also be pleased to provide the Chairman, his fellow Commissioners and Staff with the economic study conducted by the Bureau of Research at Missouri State University, and to discuss with them the findings regarding the adverse impact of the Commission's USF and ICC decisions.

I am filing this letter electronically with your office for inclusion in the record of each of the above-referenced proceedings pursuant to the Commission's Rules. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

s/ James Simon, General Manager
Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation